

# Material Safety Data Sheet

## Poison (HT)

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## Section I - General Information

### Manufacturer's Address:

U.S. Army Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC)

ATTN: AMSRD-ECB-CB-CR

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**CAS Registry Number:** Not Available

**Chemical Name:** Mixture of Bis(2-chloroethyl) sulfide (HD) and Bis(2-(2-chloroethylthio)ethyl) ether (T)

### Trade Name and Synonyms:

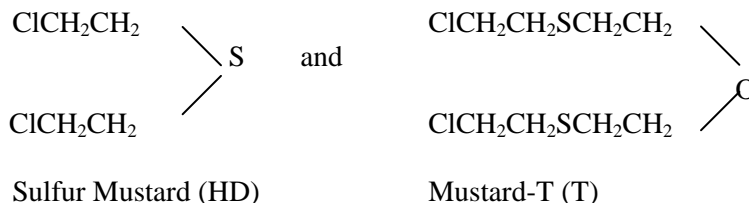
HT

**Chemical Family:** Chlorinated sulfur compound

**Molecular Formula and Chemical Structure:** Mixture of 60% Sulfur Mustard (HD) and 40% Mustard -T (T) and other impurities

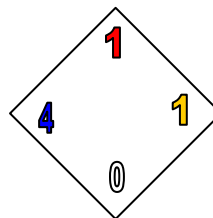
**HD:**  $C_4H_8Cl_2S$

**T:**  $C_8H_{16}Cl_2OS_2$



### NFPA 704 Signal:

Health - 4  
Flammability - 1  
Reactivity - 1  
Special - 0



## Section II - Ingredients

**Ingredients/Name:** Sulfur Mustard & Mustard-T, HT

**Percentage by Weight:** Sulfur Mustard (HD) 60% and Mustard-T (T) with impurities 40%

### **Section III - Physical Data**

**Boiling Point:** No constant boiling point

**Vapor Pressure (torr):** 0.077 @ 25 °C

**Vapor Density (relative to air):** 6.5 (calculated based on 60:40 HT mixture)

**Solubility:** Slightly soluble in water and soluble in most organic solvents.

**Specific Gravity (H<sub>2</sub>O=1):** 1.265 @ 20 °C

**Freezing/Melting Point:** 1.3 °C

**Liquid Density (g/ml):** 1.263 @ 20 °C

**Volatility (mg/m<sup>3</sup>):** 783 @ 25 °C

**Viscosity (CENTIPOISE):** 7.62 @ 20 °C

**Molecular Weight:** 188.96 (based on 60:40 HT wt. %)

**Appearance & Odor:** Pale yellow to brown liquid. Garlic-like odor less pronounced than mustard.

### **Section IV - Fire and Explosion Data**

**Flashpoint:** Flashpoint range 109 to 115 °C

**Flammability Limits (% By Volume):** Unknown

**Extinguishing Media:** Water, fog, foam, CO<sub>2</sub>. Avoid use of extinguishing methods that will splash or spread HT.

**Unusual Fire & Explosion Hazards:** Toxic fumes of hydrogen chloride and sulfur oxides may be produced in a fire. Vapors of unburned agent will exhibit toxic and vesicant effects.

**Special Fire Fighting Procedures:** All persons not engaged in extinguishing the fire should be immediately evacuated from the area. Fires involving HT should be contained to prevent contamination to uncontrolled areas. When responding to a fire alarm in buildings or areas containing agents, fire-fighting personnel should wear full firefighter protective clothing (flame resistant) during chemical agent fire-fighting and fire rescue operations. Respiratory protection is required. Positive pressure, full facepiece, NIOSH-approved self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) will be worn where there is danger of oxygen deficiency and when directed by the fire chief or chemical accident/incident (CAI) operations officer. In cases where fire-fighters are responding to a chemical accident/incident for rescue/reconnaissance purposes, they will wear appropriate levels of protective clothing (see Section VIII).

Do not breathe fumes. Skin contact with agent must be avoided at all times. Although the fire may destroy most of

the agent, care must still be taken to assure the agent or contaminated liquids do not further contaminate other areas or sewers. Contact with the agent liquid or vapor can be fatal.

## **Section V – Health Hazard Data**

### **Airborne Exposure Limits (AEL) <sup>2</sup>:**

Worker Population Limit (WPL) 8-hr TWA <sup>1</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>	STEL 15-min TWA <sup>1</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH <sup>1</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>	General Population Limit (GPL) 12-hr TWA <sup>1</sup> mg/m <sup>3</sup>
0.0004	0.003	0.7	0.00002

<sup>1</sup> These values can be found in the DA, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Installations and Environment memo, subject: Implementation Guidance Policy for New Airborne Exposures Limits for GB, GA, GD, GF, VX, H, HD, and HT, 18 June 2004.

<sup>2</sup> To date, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) have not promulgated a permissible exposure concentration for HT.

**Routes of Entry:** The routes of entry for mustard agents are inhalation and ingestion, as well as eye and skin contact.

**NOTE:** The information on the toxicological data for HT has been taken from those found for HD since they are very similar in composition.

**Effects Of Exposure:** HT is a vesicant (causing blisters) and alkylating agent producing cytotoxic action on the hematopoietic (blood-forming) tissues, which are especially sensitive. The rate of detoxification of HT in the body is very slow and repeated exposures produce a cumulative effect.

HT has also been shown to be carcinogenic and mutagenic in animals.

**Signs and Symptoms:** The acute signs and symptoms following mustard exposure are not immediate; they are delayed in appearance. The duration of the latent period and the degree of injury are both dependent on the severity of exposure as well as organs affected. The delay of onset is dose-dependent and may range from hours to days. The latency period for ocular (eye) effects is shorter than that for other tissues.

Mild eye exposure symptoms to mustard include inflammation, conjunctivitis possibly with lacrimation, grittiness in the eye, and erythema (reddening) of the lids and conjunctiva. Severe symptoms include photophobia, blepharospasm, pain, corneal erosion, iritis, conjunctival vascularization, ulceration and corneal opacification (blindness).

Skin exposure to mustard vapor is marked by delayed appearance. Mild symptoms include erythema, edema, itching, burning and pain. Severe symptoms include vesication or blisters. Liquid mustard exposure on skin may result in an area of gray-white necrotic skin surrounded by erythema and vesication.

Inhalation of mustard vapor causes damage primarily to the nasopharyngeal, laryngeal and tracheobronchial mucosa. Respiratory symptoms to mustard vapor vary in degree of onset and intensity related to the degree of exposure. Mild symptoms to the airway include hoarseness, inflammation of the respiratory mucosa, congestion, coughing and edema. Severe symptoms include necrosis, sloughing of the mucosa and chemical pneumonia. Repeated exposures or prolonged inhalation can cause bronchiectasis or chronic bronchitis.

Gastrointestinal symptoms of intense mustard exposure include nausea and vomiting.

Like other alkylating agents, systemic absorption results in injury to the bone marrow, lymph nodes, and spleen producing leukopenia and thrombocytopenia. Other systemic effects include: fever; CNS depression; bradycardia or cardiac irregularities; hemoconcentration; and shock.

**Chronic Exposure:** Chronic mustard-induced illnesses are most common in the eyes, skin, respiratory track or bone marrow. Delayed, recurrent keratoconjunctivitis of the eyes has been documented in some cases as long as 45 years from original exposure. Healing of mustard blisters may result in skin exfoliation and areas of hypo- or hyperpigmentation. Exposure can cause chronic lung impairment (productive cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, frequent pulmonary infections and bronchitis). Prolonged human exposure has been associated with cancer of the tongue, paranasal sinus, larynx, bronchus, lung, and mediastinum (cavity between the right and left lung). Tumors observed have been of squamous (scale like) or undifferentiated (altered) cell types. Consider the possibility of skin cancer because of the frequency of this lesion in animal studies. Since sulfur mustard agent is similar in its effects to nitrogen mustard, which has been associated with human leukemia, this disease might also be expected to occur in humans chronically exposed to mustard.

#### **Toxicity Values<sup>1</sup>:**

##### **Vapor (Inhalation/Ocular)-**

ECt50 (Mild) = 25 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>

ECt50 (Severe)<sup>2</sup> = 100 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup> {<sup>3</sup>}

LCt50 = 1000 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>

##### **Vapor (Percutaneous)<sup>4,5</sup>**

ECt50 (Mild) = 50 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>

ECt50 (Severe)<sup>2</sup> = 500 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>

LCt50 = 10000 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>

##### **Liquid (Percutaneous)**

ED50 = 600 mg/70 kg man

LD50 = 1400 mg/70 kg man

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<sup>1</sup> Data for HT are limited and toxicity estimates are based upon HD, as applicable. Estimates for inhalation vapor exposure are based on a minute volume (MV) of 15 liters. The exposure time is 2 minutes. The concentration-time profiles are unknown.

<sup>2</sup> Based on ocular (eye) effects.

<sup>3</sup> Recent analysis of archival human data has indicated that this value studies have may be 75 mg-min/m<sup>3</sup>.

<sup>4</sup> Personnel are masked.

<sup>5</sup> Values for percutaneous vapor are for moderate temperatures (85 °F and below). The effective dosages for hot temperatures (85 °F and above) will be less by at least a factor of 2.

#### **Emergency and First Aid Procedures:**

Prior to rendering first aid, take steps for self protection such as donning a protective mask and other protective equipment. **Immediately** remove individual from contaminated area. Decontaminate the individual as indicated below.

**Vapor Exposure:** Vapor-exposed chemical agent casualties should be decontaminated by removing all clothing in a clean air environment and shampooing or rinsing the hair to prevent vapor off-gassing.

**Liquid Exposure:** Wash the skin surface and hair in warm or hot water at least three times. The rapid physical removal of a chemical agent is essential. Scrubbing of exposed skin with a stiff brush or bristles is discouraged, because skin damage may occur and may increase absorption of agent. Use liquid soap (dispose of container after use and replace), copious amounts of water, and mild to moderate friction with a single-use sponge or washcloth in the first and second washes. The third wash should be a rinse with copious amounts of warm or hot water.

Shampoo can be used to wash the hair. If warm or hot water is not available, but cold water is, use cold water. Do not delay decontamination to obtain warm water. Two permissible alternative skin decontaminants include the M291 Skin Decontaminating Kit (SDK) and a 0.5% sodium hypochlorite solution. (**NOTE:** The use of the M291 SDK and/or 0.5% sodium hypochlorite on skin is appropriate in situations where soap and water may not be as efficacious in physically removing particular types of chemical agents, such as those used in certain research and development laboratories. Neither soap and water, 0.5% sodium hypochlorite or the M291 SDK have been shown to be more efficacious than the other for physically removing every type of chemical agent from the skin.) If used, the 0.5% sodium hypochlorite should be applied with mild to moderate friction, with a single-use sponge or washcloth in the first and second washes. The third wash should be a rinse to remove any residual sodium hypochlorite with copious amounts of warm or hot water.

**Eye Contact:** **Immediately** leave area of contamination and begin flushing eyes, mucous membranes, or open wounds with sterile saline or water. Flush the eyes **Immediately** with sterile saline or water by tilting the head to the side, pulling the eyelids apart with gloved fingers and pouring slowly into the eyes. A Morgan lens may also be used for continuous eye irrigation. As soon as possible, don respiratory protective mask and leave area of contamination.

**Ingestion:** Do not induce vomiting. First symptoms are likely to be gastrointestinal. Seek medical attention **Immediately**. **Do not handle vomited material to avoid further contamination.**

**Inhalation:** If breathing is difficult, administer oxygen. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Mouth-to-mouth resuscitation should be used when approved mask-bag or oxygen delivery systems are not available. Do not use mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when facial contamination is present. Seek medical attention **Immediately**.

**NOTE:** The Office of the Surgeon General is responsible the medical guidance provided in this MSDS. Questions concerning medical guidance provided in the this MSDS may be addressed to HQDA (DASG-PPM-NC), 5109 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-3258.

## **Section VI - Reactivity Data**

**Stability:** Pressure develops in steel.

**Decomposition Temperature:** 165 to 180 °C

**Rate of Hydrolysis:** Hydrolyzed by prolonged boiling with water or treatment with caustic alkalis.

**Hydrolysis Products:** Hydrogen chloride, thiodiglycol and sulfonium aggregates; based on HD

**Action on Metals and Other Materials:** Very little when pure. Canadian HT corrodes steel at a rate of 0.00007 in./month @ 65 °C.

**Hazardous Polymerization:** Will not occur.

## **Section VII – Spill, Leak, and Disposal Procedures**

**Steps To Be Taken In Case Material Is Released Or Spilled:** Only personnel in full protective clothing will be allowed in an area where HT is spilled (See Section VIII). In case of personnel contamination, see Section V.

**Recommended Field Procedures:** Spills of HT must be contained by using vermiculite, diatomaceous earth, clay or fine sand. Decontaminate with copious amounts of a 5% sodium hypochlorite solution. Scoop up all material

and place in approved DOT containers. Cover the contents of the drum with decontaminating solution as above. The exterior of the drum shall be decontaminated and then labeled IAW EPA and DOT regulations. All leaking containers shall be overpacked with absorbent (e.g. vermiculite) placed between the interior and exterior containers. Decontaminate and label IAW EPA and DOT regulations. Dispose of IAW Federal, state and local regulations. Conduct general area monitoring with an approved monitor to confirm that the atmospheric concentrations do not exceed the STEL (See Sections V and VIII).

If 5 percent sodium hypochlorite solution is not available then the following decontaminants may be used instead and are listed in the order of preference: Calcium Hypochlorite\* and Super Tropical Bleach Slurry (STB).

**\*WARNING:** Pure, undiluted Calcium Hypochlorite (HTH) will burn on contact with liquid blister agent.

Leaking munitions should be processed in accordance with established chemical demilitarization SOPs, see "DA Pam 385-61, Toxic Chemical Agent Safety Standards".

**Recommended Laboratory Procedures:** A minimum of 65 grams of decon solution per gram of HT is allowed to agitate for a minimum of one hour. Agitation is not necessary following the first hour if a single phase is obtained. At the end of 24 hours, the resulting solution shall be adjusted to a pH between 10 and 11. Test for presence of active chlorine by use of acidic potassium iodide solution to give free iodine color. Place 3 ml of the decontaminate in a test tube. Add several crystals of potassium iodine and swirl to dissolve. Add 3 ml of 50 wt. percent sulfuric acid: water and swirl. **Immediate** iodine color indicates the presence of active chlorine. If negative, add additional 5.25 percent Sodium Hypochlorite solution to the decontamination solution, wait two hours, then test again for active chlorine. Continue procedure until positive chlorine is given by solution.

A 10 wt percent HTH (calcium hypochlorite) mixture may be substituted for Sodium Hypochlorite. Use 65 grams of decon per gram of HT and continue the test as described for Sodium Hypochlorite.

Scoop up all material and place in approved DOT containers. Cover the contents of the drum with decontaminating solution as above. The exterior of the drum shall be decontaminated and then labeled IAW EPA and DOT regulations. All leaking containers shall be overpacked with vermiculite placed between the interior and exterior containers. Decontaminate and label IAW EPA and DOT regulations. Dispose of the material IAW waste disposal methods provided below. Dispose of the material used to decontaminate exterior of drum IAW Federal, state and local regulations. Conduct general area monitoring with an approved monitor to confirm that the atmospheric concentrations do not exceed the STEL (See Sections V and VIII).

**NOTE:** Surfaces contaminated with HT and then rinse-decontaminated may evolve sufficient HT vapor to produce a physiological response.

**Waste Disposal Method:** Open pit burning or burying of HT or items containing or contaminated with HT in any quantity is prohibited. Waste HT and associated decontamination solutions may be Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulated hazardous wastes due to a State listing of the chemical agent, or the characteristics of the waste, to include contaminants. An evaluation of the Federal and State waste disposal regulations must be conducted to determine the appropriate disposal method.

## **Section VIII- Special Protection Information**

### **Exposure Limits for Respiratory Protection:**

#### **Unprotected Workers:**

Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Less than or equal to 0.0004<sup>1</sup>

Time Limits

8 hours

Up to or less than 0.0016

2 hours<sup>2</sup>

**Protected Workers:**

Type of Respiratory Protection Worn (based on air monitoring results):

1. M40 Military Mask, CBRN NIOSH Approved Respirator

Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

≤ 0.003

Time Limits

Time limit will be kept at a minimum to perform the operation, and will be dictated by the local Heat Stress Program for personal protective equipment and clothing<sup>3</sup>

2. Air Supply Line with Full Face Respirator

Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

0.0004 to 0.7<sup>5</sup>

Time Limits<sup>4</sup>

Time limit will be kept at a minimum to perform the operation, and will be dictated by the local Heat Stress Program for personal protective equipment and clothing.

3. Air Supply Line with Full Face Respirator and Auxiliary Self-contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), or SCBA

Concentration (mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

Greater than 0.7

Time Limits<sup>4</sup>

These concentrations should be expected only in emergency situations. Operations should not be conducted at these concentrations.

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<sup>1</sup> As an 8-hr TWA average.

<sup>2</sup> Maximum continuous time at this concentration. Equivalent to 8-hr TWA. Source: Implementation Guidance Policy for Revised Airborne Limits for GB, GA, GD, GF, VX, H, HD, and HT, Dept of Army, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Army Installations and Environment, 18 June 2004. See Table 5.

<sup>3</sup> The M40 mask may be used for escape from environments containing concentrations above the STEL. The M40 mask may be used for routine entry with real-time monitoring for the STEL and historical monitoring for the WPL. The M40 mask will not be used for routine protection above the STEL or in the absence of WPL monitoring.

<sup>4</sup> For SCBA wearers, time limit is constrained by life of the air cylinder (maximum of 30 to 45 minutes). For Air Supply wearers, time limits should be kept to a minimum. Should use of the auxiliary SCBA be necessary, time limit will be constrained by the life of the breathing air cylinder, and egress from the area must be performed before its expiration.

<sup>5</sup> The Immediately Dangerous to Life and Health Value.

**Ventilation:**

**Local Exhaust:** Mandatory. Must be filtered or scrubbed to limit exit concentrations. Air emissions shall meet local, state and federal regulations.

**Special:** Chemical laboratory hoods will have an average inward face velocity of 100 linear feet per minute (lfpm) +/- 20% with the velocity at any point not deviating from the average face velocity by more than 20%. Existing laboratory hoods will have an inward face velocity of 150 lfpm +/- 20%. Laboratory hoods will be located such that

cross drafts do not exceed 20% of the inward face velocity. A visual performance test using smoke producing devices will be performed in assessing the ability of the hood to contain agent HT.

**Other:** Recirculation of exhaust air from agent areas is prohibited. No connection between agent area and other areas through the ventilation system is permitted. Emergency backup power is necessary. Hoods should be tested semiannually or after modification or maintenance operations. Operations should be performed 20 centimeters inside hoods.

**Protective Gloves:** Butyl Rubber gloves M3 and M4  
Norton, Chemical Protective Glove Set

**Eye Protection:** As a minimum, chemical goggles will be worn. For splash hazards use goggles and face shield.

**Other Protective Equipment:** For laboratory operations, wear lab coats, gloves and have mask readily accessible. In addition, daily clean smocks, foot covers, and head covers will be required when handling contaminated lab animals. In the case of a spill, the minimum protective clothing should be Level B after the site has been evaluated, otherwise Level A.

**Monitoring:** Available monitoring equipment for agent HT is the M8/M9 detector paper, blue band tube, M256/M256A1 kits, bubbler, Depot Area Air Monitoring System (DAAMS), Automated Continuous Air Monitoring System (ACAMS), CAM-M1, Hydrogen Flame Photometric Emission Detector (HYFED), Miniature Chemical Agent Monitor (MINICAM), and the Real Time Analytical Platform RTAP).

## **Section IX - Special Precautions**

**Precautions To Be Taken In Handling and Storing:** When handling agents, the buddy system will be incorporated. No smoking, eating, or drinking in areas containing agents is permitted. Containers should be periodically inspected for leaks, (either visually or using a detector kit). Stringent control over all personnel practices must be exercised. Decontaminating equipment will be conveniently located. Exits must be designed to permit rapid evacuation. Chemical showers, eyewash stations, and personal cleanliness facilities must be provided. Wash hands before meals and shower thoroughly with special attention given to hair, face, neck, and hands using plenty of soap and water before leaving at the end of the workday.

**Other Precautions:** HT should be stored in containers made of glass for Research, Development, Test and Evaluation (RDTE) quantities or one-ton steel containers for large quantities. Agent containers will be stored in a single containment system with in a laboratory hood or in double containment system.

For additional information see "AR 385-61, The Army Toxic Chemical Agent Safety Program," "DA Pam 385-61, Toxic Chemical Agent Safety Standards," and "DA Pam 40-173, Occupational Health Guidelines for the Evaluation and Control of Occupational Exposure to Mustard Agents H, HD, and HT"; and DA Implementation Guidance Policy for New Airborne Exposures Limits for GB, GA, GD, GF, VX, H, HD, and HT dated 18 June 2004.

## **Section X - Transportation Data**

**NOTE:** Forbidden for transport other than via military (Technical Escort Unit) transport according to 49 CFR Part 173.7(b), DOD 4500.9-R and AR 50-6.

**Proper Shipping Name:** Toxic liquids, organic, n.o.s. (Bis(2-chloroethyl) sulfide and Bis(2-(2-chloroethylthio) ethyl) ether)



**UN ID Number:** UN2810

**DOT Hazard Class:** 6.1, Inhalation Hazard Zone A

**Packing Group:** I

**DOT Label:** Poison Inhalation Hazard or Toxic Inhalation Hazard. See 49 CFR 172.400a(a)(3) for exceptions to unit packaging labeling and 173.7(b) for other exceptions when material is transported by Technical Escort Units.

**NOTE:** "Poison" and "Toxic" are used interchangeably for all markings, labels and placards in continental US transportation. "Toxic" is required for international transportation.

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UN 2810, Inhalation Hazard Zone A

**DOT Placard:** Poison Inhalation Hazard or Toxic Inhalation Hazard

**Emergency Accident Precautions and Procedures:** See Sections IV, VII and VIII.

**Precautions To Be Taken In Transportation:** Motor vehicles will be placarded regardless of quantity. Drivers will be given full information regarding shipment and conditions in case of an emergency. AR 50-6 deals specifically with the shipment of chemical agents.

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